



## Congressman John Yarmuth **FEDERAL GRANTS ALERT**

August 2007

### ▪ **Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program**

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education**

The Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program funds grants to establish a facility to house, display, and interpret artifacts related to the history of the Underground Railroad, and to make the interpretive efforts available to institutions of higher education. Substantial private support for the facility through the implementation of a public-private partnership between a State or local public entity and a private entity for the support of the facility is necessary for funding.

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit educational organizations that research, display, interpret, and collect artifacts relating to the history of the Underground Railroad

**Deadline:** August 31, 2007.

**Award Amount:** \$500,000-\$1,000,000

**Contact:** Jay Donahue, U.S. Department of Education, Room 6164, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-8544, 202-502-7507.

### ▪ **Ready for College: Adult Education Transitions Program**

#### **Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education**

Ready for College: Adult Education Transitions Programs establish and carry out national leadership activities to enhance the quality of adult education and literacy programs nationwide. Funding will be used to support State and local efforts to increase the rate at which adults, aged 18 to 24, successfully complete adult secondary education (ASE) and transition to postsecondary education. Successful applications will propose a project that identifies, demonstrates, and documents practices that improve ASE and that facilitate the successful transition of out-of-school youth to postsecondary education.

**Eligible Applicants:** State educational agency, a local educational agency, postsecondary educational institution, other public or private agencies, organizations, and institutions, or a consortium of eligible applicants.

**Deadline:** August 27, 2007.

**Award Amount:** \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

**Contact:** Diane DeMaio or Ursula Lord, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 11002, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-6121, (202) 245-7841 or (202) 245-7734, respectively, or by e-mail: [diane.demaio@ed.gov](mailto:diane.demaio@ed.gov) or [ursula.lord@ed.gov](mailto:ursula.lord@ed.gov).

▪ **Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor**

The U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is making \$500,000 available in grant funds for educational and training programs to help identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines. The focus of these grants will be on training and training materials for mine rescue and mine emergency preparedness in underground coal mines.

**Eligible Applicants:** State governments, public and State controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Deadline:** August 24, 2007

**Award Amount:** at least \$50,000.00. Applicants requesting less than \$50,000 or more than \$500,000 will not be considered for funding.

**Contact:** Any questions regarding this solicitation for grant applications should be directed to Robert Glatter at [Glatter.Robert@dol.gov](mailto:Glatter.Robert@dol.gov) or at 202-693-9570.

▪ **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR),  
Research Fellowships Program**

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education**

The Research Fellowships Program builds research capacity by providing support to enable highly qualified individuals, including those who are individuals with disabilities, to perform research on the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research seeks to--(1) Improve the quality and utility of disability and rehabilitation research; (2) Foster an exchange of expertise, information, and training to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the unique needs of traditionally underserved populations; (3) Determine best strategies and programs to improve rehabilitation outcomes for underserved populations; (4) Identify research gaps; (5) Identify mechanisms of integrating research and practice; and (6) Disseminate findings.

Fellows must conduct original research designed to maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family, support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, or to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Act.

**Eligible Applicants:** The program provides two categories of Research Fellowships:

Distinguished Fellowship: an individual must have seven or more years of research experience in subject areas, methods, or techniques relevant to rehabilitation research and must have a doctorate, other terminal degree, or comparable academic qualifications.

Merit Fellowship: an individual must have either advanced professional training or independent study experience in an area that is directly pertinent to disability and rehabilitation.

**Award Amount:** Maximum awards are \$65,000 for Merit Fellowships and \$75,000 for Distinguished Fellowships.

**Deadline:** September 21, 2007.

**Contact:** Donna Nangle, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 6030, PCP, Washington, DC 20202. (202) 245-7462 or by e-mail: [donna.nangle@ed.gov](mailto:donna.nangle@ed.gov).

■ **Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities--Educational Materials in Accessible Formats for Students With Visual Impairments and Other Print Disabilities**

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education**

Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities program grants will be used to:

(1) Improve results for students with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom for students with disabilities; and (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom.

**Eligible Applicants:** National, nonprofit entities with a proven track record of meeting the needs of students with visual impairments and other print disabilities through services described in section 674(c)(1)(D) of IDEA that have the capacity to produce, maintain, and distribute, in a timely fashion, up-to-date textbooks in digital audio formats to qualified students and that have a demonstrated ability to significantly leverage Federal funds through other public and private contributions, as well as through the expansive use of volunteers.

**Deadline:** September 4, 2007.

**Award Amount:** \$2,000,000-\$7,000,000.

**Contact:** Glinda Hill, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4063, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2600. Telephone: (202) 245-7376. If you use a TDD, call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

■ **Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities--Educational Media Activities to Improve State Systems for Providing Educational Materials in Accessible Formats**

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education**

The purpose of the Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities program is to: (1) Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting for children with disabilities; and (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Grants will be used to fund activities that may include, but are not limited to: reconcile conflicting State and Federal statutory and regulatory provisions; modify systems that use other file formats to use NIMAS complaint-files; determine how the SEA will assess the need for educational materials in accessible formats; develop data management and tracking systems for managing NIMAS files; identify vendors that convert NIMAS files into accessible formats; create an integrated system that coordinates NIMAC-related requests and educational media activities of students with visual impairments and other print disabilities with educational media activities that benefit children with disabilities who do not meet the NIMAC eligibility requirements, but who need accessible versions of educational materials; build upon existing State systems or infrastructures related to special education; and coordinate with Federal technical assistance providers.

**Eligible Applicants:** An SEA of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, OA, or FAS and, if endorsed by an SEA, FAS, or OA, the following may apply on their behalf: LEAs, public charter schools that are LEAs under State law, institutions of higher education, tribes or tribal organizations, other public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

**Deadline:** September 4, 2007.

**Award Amount:** \$400,000-\$500,000.

**Contact:** Glinda Hill, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4063, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2600. Telephone: (202) 245-7376. If you use a TDD, call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

## ▪ **Community-Based Job Training Grants**

### **Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor**

Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Funds will be used for the purpose of building the capacity of community colleges to train individuals for careers in high-growth/high-demand industries in the local and/or regional economies.

**Eligible Applicants:** Community or Technical Colleges, Community College District, state Community College System, or One-Stop Career Center in partnership with its Local Workforce Investment Board.

**Award Amount:** \$500,000 to \$2 million

**Deadline:** October 10, 2007

**Contact:** Melissa Abdullah, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance, (202) 693-3346

## ▪ **NEA Arts on Radio and Television, FY2008**

### **National Endowment for the Arts**

The National Endowment for the Arts seeks to make the excellence and diversity of the arts widely available to the American public through nationally distributed television and radio programs. Grants are available to support the development, production, and national distribution of radio and television programs on the arts. Priority will be given to artistically excellent programs that have the potential to reach a significant national audience, regardless of the size or geographic location of the applicant organization. Only programs of artistic excellence and merit, in both the media production and the subject, will be funded. Projects may include high profile multi-part television and radio series, single documentaries, performance programs, or arts segments for use within an existing series. Programs may deal with any art form (e.g., visual arts, music, dance, literature, design, theater, musical theater, opera, film/video/audio art, folk & traditional arts). Programs targeted to children and youth are welcome. All phases of a project -- research and development, production, completion and distribution costs -- are eligible for support. NEA welcomes proposals that include ancillary activities that are intended to increase public knowledge, understanding, and access to the arts. Such activities might include the use of related radio and television programming; interactive Web sites; DVDs or other digital applications; educational material; collaborations with arts organizations, educators, and

community groups; video/audio distribution to schools, libraries, and homes; and other public outreach activities.

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, City or township governments, Special district governments, State governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Independent school districts

**Deadline:** September 7, 2007

**Award Amount:** \$10,000 - \$200,000

**Contact:** National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506-0001, 202-682-5400.

## ▪ **Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development**

### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development support projects that improve specific areas of humanities education and serve as national models of excellence. Projects must draw upon scholarship in the humanities and use scholars and teachers as advisers. NEH is especially interested in projects that offer solutions to problems frequently encountered by teachers.

**Eligible Applicants:** City or township governments, State governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, County governments, Independent school districts, Private institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

**Deadline:** October 1, 2007

**Award Amount:** \$100,000

**Contact:** Division of Education Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 302, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, 202-606-8380, [education@neh.gov](mailto:education@neh.gov).

## ▪ **SMART Training and Technical Assistance Program**

### **Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice**

The SMART Training and Technical Assistance Program (SMART TTA) provides training and technical assistance support for entities involved in the implementation or enforcement of the Adam Walsh Act (Pub. L. 109-248). Grants will be awarded to develop and conduct trainings and technical assistance activities under the guidance of the SMART Office. Training topics may include effective sex offender management and accountability including registration processes and policies, collaboration processes and techniques, communication and technology, and multidisciplinary team coordination. Training formats will be large national meetings and seminars, with breakout sessions allowing for smaller-scale learning.

**Eligible Applicants:** Private institutions of higher education, Small businesses, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher

education

**Award Amount:** \$1,400,000

**Deadline:** September 4, 2007

**Contact:** Stefanie Harris, Grants Processing Analyst, 202-353-9272, Stefanie.Harris@usdoj.gov

▪ **Prisoner Reentry Initiative Training and Technical Assistance Program**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice**

The Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI) provides assistance to provide pre- and post-release services and supervision to offenders returning to communities, with the primary goal of reducing recidivism. The PRI Training and Technical Assistance Program will complement PRI by providing training and technical assistance for developing strategies to address identified gaps and needs. The applicant selected for this grant will be responsible for developing and delivering training and technical assistance on a nationwide basis to state, local, and federally recognized tribal jurisdictions.

**Eligible Applicants:** Small businesses, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Award Amount:** \$586,000

**Deadline:** September 20, 2007

**Contact:** Stefanie Harris, Grant Processing Analyst, 202-353-9272, Stefanie.Harris@usdoj.gov

For more information on my federal grants program, please contact Elizabeth Sawyer in my office at 202-225-5401.

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